(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The total requirement of coffee for consumption in the domestic marekt is estimated to be approximately 60,000 tonnes which constitutes 30 to 35 per cent of the total production in the country. 22,513 tonnes of coffee have been exported during the last three months. No significant rise in consumption has been noticed over the last three months over an approximate intake of 5,000 tonnes a month. In order to increase the domestic availability of coffee, the Government had put a quantitative restriction on export of coffee apart from banning a few grades till 31st December, 1994.

Changes in Vabal Scheme

891. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to make changes in the Value Based Advance Licensing Scheme as an alternative to the IPRS;

(b) whether there is a likelihood of misuse of VABAL Scheme; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has announced an alternative scheme to enable the exporters of engineering products to obtain their iron and steel requirements from domestic producers at near international prices.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) does not arise.

Payment of CCS to PSUs.

892. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not yet cleared the payment of CCS amounts to the entitled Public Sector Undertakings due to financial constraints.

(b) whether Government have received appeals from the affected Public Sector Undertakings for early clearance of their dues on accounts of CCS;

(c) whether Government would take any decision thereon; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Misuse of Vabal Scheme

893. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI G. G. SWELL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that value Based Advance Licence Scheme overlooked a major aspect of the duty exemption scheme that duty rebate entitlement should not exceed what is applied for or what is consumed for export production;

(b) if so, what was and is the revenue loss and to what extent and how misuse occurred;

(c) whether corrective steps have been taken to remove the defects in the scheme;

(d) whether exporters are eligible to import any items of their preference against their export earning besides the items they use as inputs for their exports;

(e) whether exporters are allowed to transfer imported goods or indigenous goods with or without duty exemption; and